

# United States Air Force Auxiliary

## Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol



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### **MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD**

Breezy Point, MN – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Alan Matson received Minnesota Wing's Aerospace Education Specialist of the Year Award during a ceremony on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Lieutenant Matson is a member of Viking Squadron that meets Tuesday Nights at Bloomington Covenant Church.

The Aerospace Education Specialist Award recognizes an officer who excels at the delivery of the CAP Aerospace Education program to the members of his unit.

Civil Air Patrol's internal program has two parts, one for cadets and one for senior members. Cadets have a mandatory aerospace education program. They must learn about aerospace education to progress in Civil Air Patrol. Cadets must pass formal tests to progress in the achievement levels and in the awards system. Cadets are presented with aerospace education opportunities as part of squadron meetings, encampments and field trips and through guest speakers, model building and flying.

Senior members have an elective aerospace education program. Senior members may participate in the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members (AEPsM) and earn the Charles E. 'Chuck' Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award. Seniors may earn the "Technician," "Senior," or "Master" ratings in the Aerospace Education Officer Specialty Training Track.

Lieutenant Matson received his award at the 2002 Minnesota Wing Conference, held at Breezy Point Resort 3-5 May.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs.

There are more than 1300 Civil Air Patrol members in Minnesota.

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Photo Caption

Col Dale Hoiium, MN Wing Commander presents 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Alan Matson the Minnesota Wing's Aerospace Education Specialist of the Year Award. The award was presented during a ceremony at the Minnesota Wing Conference on May 4<sup>th</sup>

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